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PAUL'S NOTE

Some of you may have heard about the TEP substation being planned for the northeast corner of Harrison and Speedway. Unlike a lot of projects that get built, this one is unlikely to go before mayor and council for review.

The proposed substation will connect to the existing 138-kV transmission line located along the south side of East Speedway Boulevard. This particular site was identified after an extensive process. The area, as many of us already know, is likely to grow further and TEP wants to maintain reliable ser-

vice as that growth continues.

The Ward 2 office hosted a public meeting on July 22, 2015 and the final opportunity for residents to weigh in will be at the upcoming Zoning Examiner public hearing scheduled for Oct. 29, in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, located at 255 W. Alameda St., at or after 6:30 p.m. The Zoning Examiner will have exclusive authority over the decision to permit the Special Exception Land Use Permit (SELUP) application to move forward or to require additional conditions.

Should the special exception be ap-

proved, construction will begin in 2019, and would be complete in 2020.

My office can't intervene in zoning examiner findings, but if you have comments for or against the substation, we can get them to the zoning examiner before the hearing. If you'd like to see the plans yourself, you can go to <https://www.tep.com/projects/substation/harrison/>.

Over in the Vista del Rio neighborhood, it's Porchfest time again.

The neighborhood has invited musicians, who will be

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playing in people's front porches (thus the name). There will also be food trucks and an opportunity to visit the neighborhood's beautiful cultural resource park.

The event is free and family friendly. Vista del Rio can be found on Dos Hombres Road, just north of the Tanque Verde and Pio Decimo intersection. The fun starts at 4 o'clock on Sunday.

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In last week's note, I encouraged you all to go Ward 2's Parks open house, but I failed to give you the date. It will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sahuaro High School, 343 N Camino Seco.

This is an excellent opportunity not only to learn about the direction that our parks program will take over the next few years, but also for you and your neighbors to make your views known about what you'd like to see out of our parks.

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If you are still looking for more information about the candidates running in this November's election, the League of Women Voters is having a candidate forum on October 13 at 6 pm.

The forum will take place at Temple Emanu-El, 225 N Country Club. The moderator will be Rabbi Samuel Cohon.

INHABIT: A PERMACULTURE PERSPECTIVE

Monday, October 12th, at 5:30, Sonoran Permaculture Guild and Sustainable Tucson host a special evening to view a new documentary, INHABIT: A Permaculture Perspective. Permaculture is a unique design system for human settlement that mimics natural ecosystems. This thought-provoking film shows how Permaculture principles help communities become more sustainable and resilient. A panel discussion following the film will answer your questions and discuss how permaculture principles can be applied in our Sonoran desert environment. The panel will include Dan Dorsey from Sonoran Permaculture Guild and several Permaculture landscaping business owners. The event will take place on Monday, October 12th from 5:30-8:00pm in the downstairs conference room of the Joel Valdez Library in downtown Tucson. Meet & greet begins at 5:30, the 90 minute film will begin at 5:45. You can view the trailer at: inhabitfilm.com.

ENVISION TUCSON

This year's 5th annual Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival will take place October 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the YWCA, 525 Bonita Avenue. The Festival will showcase the many features of sustainable living in Tucson and our desert Southwest.

Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival will feature local organizations and companies with exhibits on key sustainability issues, from solar for the home to local and regional environmental concerns, from green homes to water efficiency, from recycling to school gardens, from co-op businesses to clean modes of transportation, and much more. With close to 40 exhibitors, vendors, and demonstrators, there'll be plenty of excitement and lots to do for all.

Throughout the day, local and native foods will be featured in food preparation demonstrations, and examples of solar cooking will demonstrate a useful way to be sustainable. Visionary speakers will address topics of local importance.

Come to the Festival: Explore what's going on now in our community, get more involved, learn new skills, and share your own vision of a sustainable community.

For more information: www.envisiontucson sustainable.org and like us on Facebook at Envision Tucson Sustainable.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: This project is substantially complete, and we are delighted that we finally have the signs in place.

We are actively working on changing out the lighting fixtures in the parking lot. For those of you that don't live directly adjacent to the facility, the new LED lighting fixtures that were installed do not meet the City's requirements for lighting. We have pulled the fuses of the lights near the neighborhood, and are working with the lighting vendor to get the appropriate fixtures. LED lighting is quite different from the type of lighting the City used to use, and we are finding that not all fixtures are created equal. LED is a wonderful energy saver, but also needs to be selected for the right color and luminance to be compatible for our observatories and livability. We appreciate your patience while we get these lights adjusted.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: The scheduled completion date is Sept. 20., 2016. We are rapidly moving forward on this project and are about five months ahead of schedule. We are wrapping up our water line connections at the side streets and there are only a few locations left where there will be restricted or closed access. As you probably know, if there are any water outages, they will be a night and you will receive a 48 hour advance notice. This work should be finished by next week.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Halloween Party: Udall Center will host a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00. The event will have DJ music, dancing, costume contest, games, and food. The event will be held in the Udall Center, Multipurpose Room.

Card Games: The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Card Game Marathon on Thursday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00. A light lunch will be provided.

Freedom Center Halloween Party: Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a field trip to the Freedom Center for a Halloween Party on Friday, October 30. Departure from the Carol West Senior Addition is 1:00 p.m. and return is 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00.

Pickle-ball: A Pickle-ball Tournament will be held on Friday, October 16. Call the center for details.

For questions on the activities listed above, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.



PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog: Watch for the Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available Monday, November 9, 2015. It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

Arizona Symphonic Winda: The next two WINDS concerts will take place Saturdays, September 26 and October 3. The program will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket.

Boo Bash Event: The Boo Bash event will be held at the Lincoln Park, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive on October 24, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include hay rides, games, and trunk treats. Free admission.

Jenny Finch Softball Camp: Hosted at Lincoln Park, October 24-25. Visit <https://www.jenniefinch.com/softball-camps> for information.

Field Closures: The following park facilities are currently closed for maintenance: Udall Soccer Fields A-E, Lincoln Softball Fields 5-8 and Ft. Lowell Soccer and Field 8.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will not be on the regular Tuesday, but will instead be on **Thursday, October 8**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

